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Sir:

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The undersigned representative of the above-identified assignee certifies that the above-identified assignee is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application by virtue of a chain of title from the inventor(s) of the above-identified patent application to the above-identified assignee as shown below:

1. From the inventors to Veritas Software Corporation as recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 014366, Frame 0442; and

2. From Veritas Software Corporation to Veritas Operating Corporation as recorded herewith (see attached copy of assignment).

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the above-identified assignee.

October 13, 2004  
Date

Ed Malysz  
Name: Ed Malysz  
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**ASSIGNMENT**

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, VERITAS Software Corporation, of 350 Ellis Street, Mountain View, California 94043, having acquired by a prior assignment effective as of July 24, 2003, the entire right, title and interest in an invention entitled:

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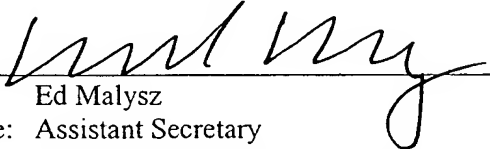
for which Santosh S. Rao et al. filed a United States patent application on July 25, 2003, and which application now has Serial No. 10/627,385, and having acquired the entire right, title and interest in all patent applications and patents of every country for said invention, including divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said applications; and having acquired the right to apply for patents of foreign countries for said invention, and to claim all rights of priority without further authorization from Santosh S. Rao et al.;

Now, in view of the above premises and effective upon execution of this document VERITAS Software Corporation hereby sells, assigns and transfers to VERITAS Operating Corporation, a Delaware corporation, having a place of business at 350 Ellis Street, Mountain View, California 94043, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in said invention entitled:

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for which Santosh S. Rao al. filed a United States patent application on July 25, 2003, and which application now has Serial No. 10/627,385, and all patent applications and patents of every country for said invention, including divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said applications; authorizes the above-named assignee to apply for patents of foreign countries for said invention, and to claim all rights of priority without further authorization from VERITAS Software Corporation; and agrees to execute all papers useful in connection with said United States and foreign applications, and generally to do everything possible to aid said assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees, at their request and expense, in obtaining and enforcing patents for said invention in all countries; and VERITAS Software Corporation requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office issue all patents granted for said invention to VERITAS Operating Corporation, its successors and assigns.

Executed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

  
By: Ed Malysz  
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